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IDWR DELAYS SRBA DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR LEMHI RIVER BASIN

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Publication of the Snake River Basin Adjudication Director's Report for the Lemhi River Basin will be delayed until May of next year, SRBA managers with the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The report is being delayed due to other pressing SRBA project demands. Publication of the report, which lists the recommendations of the agency in regard to water right claims in the Lemhi Basin, had been scheduled for last month but now will take place in May 2004.

Officials say adjusting the SRBA timeline for the Lemhi, also referred to as IDWR Basin 74, is needed to make sure other elements of the SRBA can be completed.

The SRBA is evaluating water right claims for irrigation, commercial, mining and other uses in Basin 74. The report will also contain recommendations on any Basin 74 domestic or stockwater rights that have not yet been previously adjudicated.

If you have questions regarding the SRBA efforts in the Lemhi Basin, please contact Roxanne Brown, (208) 327-7925, or call the SRBA toll free hotline at (800) 451-4129.